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Dear Forest User,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of objection procedures for the *Forest Plan Amendment to add Aminopyralid to the list of Herbicide Ingredients* project, following 36 CFR § 219, Subpart B—Pre-Decisional Administrative Review Process. Individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to this proposed plan amendment during any of the opportunities for public comment are eligible to file an objection.

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest draft Decision Memo (DM) is available for public review. The draft DM can be viewed online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51119>. A copy is enclosed for your convenience.

How to Object and Timeframe

The opportunity to object ends 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in The Baker City Herald. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another other source.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted substantive formal comments specific to the proposed plan amendment during designated opportunity for public comment as specified in 36 CFR §219.53. Objections must be based on previously submitted substantive formal comments attributed to the objector unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment (§219.53).

Objections must be filed, in writing, with the reviewing officer for the plan amendment (§219.54(a)) at the addresses listed below. All objections will be open to public inspection during the objection process (§219.54(a)) and will be posted online. The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §219.54(c). Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §219.54 (b). Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed within 45 calendar days following the publication date of the public notice for the amendment; if the time period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day (§219.56(a) and (b)). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer (§219.56(c)). Notice of objections received will also be published in the newspaper of record as specified in §219.56(f).

Written objections, including attachments, must be filed with the *Objection Reviewing Officer*. Objections must be submitted to one of the addresses below:

- Mailed via US Mail to: Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn. 1570 Appeals and Objections, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623;
- E-mailed to: objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Please put the project name in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message or as an



attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. E-mails submitted to addresses other than the one listed above or in formats other than those listed above or containing viruses will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the objector to confirm receipt of objections submitted by electronic mail. For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of receipt, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means;

- Hand delivered to: Pacific Northwest Regional Office at 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Hand deliveries can occur between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays; phone number for carrier delivery is 503-808-2286; or
- Faxed to: Regional Forester, Attn: 1570 Appeals and Objections at (503) 808-2339.

Please state FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADD AMINOPYRALID in the subject line when providing electronic or faxed objections, or on the envelope when submitting by mail.

Additional information regarding this proposed action can be found at the project webpage (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51119>) or can be requested from Sitka Pence (sitkapence@fs.fed.us, 541-426-5689).

Thank you for your interest in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and this project.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor

Enclosure